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INFLATION TENDENCIES: There is a strong movement in support of an inflation policy, inflation both of currency and credit. Unless the people awake to their danger, and take steps to prevent it, they may find themselves in all the difficulties that they experienced after the civil war as the result of unwise and unprincipled legislation.

WANTED—A LOBBY: Though there is in Washington at the present time one of the most powerful lobbies that the capital has ever seen, there is a great need for another lobby, namely, one that shall protect the federal treasury.

INDIAN NEWS IN BRIEF: BROOKVILLE—The nine-year-old son of Joseph Williams, living near Oak Forest, Ind., was killed by a horse on Monday from the effects of a fall from a tree.

city ordinance in some of the schools to prohibit the building of electric wiring that does not conform to requirements. The fire department was called to one school where lighted candles had ignited some cotton decorations on a Christmas tree that was directly in front of a fire escape. Open flames on Christmas trees are dangerous in homes and in a public school building should never be used.

There is grave danger in permitting school pupils to get the notion that fire drills are perfunctory. All tests are supposed to be made without any warning and when the alarm sounds the pupils should act with speed and discipline as would be necessary in case of fire. Reports indicate that the drills are frequently regarded as a farce.

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It is proposed further that \$1,500,000,000 of short term securities be kept floating for a long period, thus keeping alive an obligation that ought to be liquidated as early a date as possible.

The country is going through a perfectly natural process, and, being natural, it must be gone through with. It is right that prices should fall, that debts should be paid, and that speculation should be checked.

Today there is a sentiment in Congress that the influence which has been behind the inflation legislation of the post-war period and behind the inflation legislation of the present, which brought the country to its present state, is represented in the "crown of thorns and cross of gold" agitation of Mr. Bryan. Congress is apparently anxious to place the blame for the inflation of twenty-five years ago.

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county. It is composed of men and women who in a national crisis were among the first to offer their lives in battle. They know what it is to be in position to make the greatest sacrifices citizens are called upon to make. If they can show themselves into the peace time demands of citizenship as valiantly as they have their services during the war, there can be no doubt as to their usefulness. The efforts of the council to use the power which it controls will be watched with interest and with the hope that it will be wisely and resolutely directed.

The city is fortunate in having an entirely honest and undeniably efficient board of public safety, and a police force that is on the whole capable, and that certainly is subjected to no real test from the "higher-ups" Chief Kniffen is a man of integrity, trained in his business and with no other object except to render the best service possible.

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neighbors, according to the Christian law, as those who live in the same block.

The city is once more faced with what seems to be a grave failure of justice in the case of the man recently found guilty in the criminal court of a heinous offense. Seven men involved were sentenced to the State Reformatory. It now transpires that, by an arrangement between Judge Collins and Governor Goodrich, two of the men never reached the reformatory, but were sent instead to the State Farm, from which they have since escaped.

Another of the men was sent to the reformatory, but later was transferred to the State Farm. All of the men were sentenced to the reformatory in open court. The fact that such sentence was not carried out only became public after investigation.

Judge Collins explains that he recommended the transfer of two of the men before they reached the reformatory because he was informed that, owing to wounds suffered in France, close confinement would be injurious to their health. The judge has a soft heart for the former soldiers, but he should remember that even they must be amenable to the laws. The transfer of the other prisoner was later recommended on a showing that his parents were in ill health, and could not visit him at the reformatory.

Whatever justification may have existed for these arrangements, their effect was to deceive the public, which supposes that a sentence to the State Reformatory means that those so sentenced will serve their terms there. A term in the reformatory and one at the State Farm are two entirely different penalties. No criminal determined enough to escape from the State Reformatory has great difficulty in escaping from the farm, as two of the men in this case were able to demonstrate.

These two men as a result of the action of the court and the Governor are now evading altogether the penalty imposed on them for a revolting crime. Another is not paying the penalty legally prescribed. Four others, less fortunate, are serving their terms. Such cases do not increase respect for the courts or strengthen the conviction that crime will inevitably be adequately punished. Nor do they discourage the criminal.

Governor-elect McCray needs more room in which to entertain callers. All of these Mardi Gras plans for the Harding inauguration will be nix if the weather man decides to give Washington a real inaugural blizzard.

If the close harmony between Indiana University and Purdue, so long as they might as well get two more and organize a quartet.

It might be well at the outset to determine whether the local traffic regulations are to be revised by their friends or their enemies.

The Fullman employees who propose a reduction in their wages might go a step further and suggest smaller tips from the public.

If the Indiana Society, of Chicago, comes down here for the local traffic regulations that at least twenty-five or thirty miles per hour should be allowed for the Hoosiers who live in Indiana.

After Secretary Colby's reception in Sixth Avenue, the country might consider a taxing secretary as a permanent addition to the cabinet.

So far no committee has met in Washington to impose the motor law for the purpose of giving motor testimony as will show that Italy is entirely wrong.

Seemingly everybody has indorsed the state constabulary system except the bad actors.

This thing of shooting bandits is getting so common that an early party to the shooting of a highwayman is expected at any time.

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INDIANAPOLIS ENGINEERS PLANS USE OF THREE RIVERS. The Indianapolis Engineers' plan to divert the water power of the Yellow river into the Tippecanoe river. The diversion scheme would cause the Tippecanoe river to flow through the Yellow river and the Tippecanoe river to flow through the Yellow river.

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Disparities from Berlin speak of an appeal by the women of Germany to the women of France against a demand by the allies for the surrender of milk cows to France and Belgium. This appeal is in reply to an address by the Women of France to the women of Germany. The case as presented by the French women has not been reported in the newspapers of this city.

What are the facts of the milk question? Earlier dispatches from Germany have stated that the allies are demanding more than 300,000 cows from Germany. The actual number of cows in Germany is about 1,800,000. The indicated loss of 10 per cent. of the cows would be a heavy loss to the German people.

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of her cattle and France with not much more than 80 per cent. That should be an index of what the war has meant to the German children and the French children, respectively, in terms of milk. As stated, the allies asked for the return of more than 300,000 head of cattle. By recent agreement the number has been scaled down to 150,000. No doubt that is a considerable number to take away from an undernourished population. But it is not quite that simple a matter. The number of milk cows in Germany is about 1,800,000. The indicated loss of 10 per cent. of the cows would be a heavy loss to the German people.

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